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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2000 (Paper No. 7), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows:

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1. (AMENDED) A rapidly disintegrable solid preparation which comprises (i) a pharmacologically active ingredient that is lansoprazole, (ii) a sugar and (iii) a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group.
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18. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for preparing a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation comprising combining [of using] a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% by weight or more to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl group, [for producing a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation comprising] a pharmacologically active ingredient which is lansoprazole and a sugar.
19. (AMENDED) A method for improving fast disintegrability of a solid preparation comprising combining a pharmacologically active ingredient which is lansoprazole and a sugar